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ATTACHMENT C
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
Specific Provisions – 2006-2007

These specific provisions are applicable to those commercial activities and areas authorized in your Commercial Use Authorization.

GENERAL (applicable to all business operators)

1. Day tour operators (those businesses engaged in operating tours more than 30 days total each season) and their guide employees shall attend an annual orientation session, conducted by park staff, at the beginning of the annual tour season. Tour operators will be notified of the date, time and location of the orientation session at least 30 days in advance.
2. Guided trips are limited to a party size of 12, including guides. There must be at least one guide per trip.
3. Each guide will have the following valid first aid qualifications as a minimum:
 - a. American Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR or equivalent.
 - b. American Red Cross Standard First Aid or equivalent.
4. Food service and/or consumption beyond light snacks, except for Chilkoot Trail Backpacking, are restricted to day use areas near the Dyea Campground. Food will not be left unattended unless properly secured from bears or other wildlife.
5. All natural and cultural objects and features are protected; business operators require their guides to warn clients against damaging, picking or collecting at any time.
6. Ground fires are permitted only in Dyea Campground in rings provided for that purpose
7. Business operator will report incidents with bears to NPS in as timely a manner as circumstances will allow. For the purposes of this section, an incident includes any sighting that involves a bear exhibiting conditioned, habituated, or aggressive behavior toward humans, property damage, or a bear obtaining food from human sources.
8. Guides will be equipped with a basic first aid kit appropriately sized for the group.
9. This Authorization is valid for business operations within **the Dyea and Chilkoot Trail Unit only** (excludes business operations within the Skagway and White Pass Units) in Klondike Gold Rush NHP.
10. Business operators will instruct their guides to yield the trail or path to other hikers when their group is stopped in a location which might otherwise block passage by other visitors.

The following provisions are applicable to the specific type of commercial use activity:

Guided Chilkoot Trail Backpacking (i.e. guided overnight hiking)

1. Business operations are subject to campground and camp space capacities and, if travelling into Canada, daily entry restrictions at the Chilkoot Pass imposed by Parks Canada. Campground spaces are reserved in advance through the joint USNPS/Parks Canada trail reservation system; reservation requests are processed in the order received and this CUA does not provide for priority consideration.
2. Business operators agree to obtain trail permits at the Chilkoot Trail Center before the group starts on the trail. (NOTE: This Commercial Use Authorization applies to commercial backpack guide service only on the Chilkoot Trail within the United States, operators must contact Parks Canada for a similar permit on that portion of the trail within Canada). Business operators will provide Trail Center staff the following information:
 - a. Proposed itinerary (start date, campgrounds to be used, exit date), and
 - b. Verification of first aid qualifications for each guide, and

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- c. Number, names, and nationality of people in the group, and
- d. Names of guides.

Guided Walking Tours/Day Hikes

- 1. Vehicles are allowed only on established roadways; walking tours are limited to day hikes on the Chilkoot Trail or to trails designated on the attached map (see Figure 1).

Guided Bicycle Tours (for the Dyea Area of the park)

- 1. The following safety equipment will be provided by the business operator for each trip:
 - a. Bicycle safety helmets (1 for each client and guide), and
 - b. Brightly colored outer-wear or vests gear (1 for each client and guide), and
 - c. Bicycles, with all major components maintained in functional condition.
- 2. Bicycles are allowed only on established roadways/designated routes and are not allowed in the historic town site of Dyea except as provided for in Figure 2 (see attached); business operators will guide bicycles to use the NPS footbridge for crossing at Nelson Slough in the Dyea Townsite, yielding to pedestrians when present. Bicycles are not permitted to cross directly through Nelson Slough irrespective of the presence of mud or water. Bicycles are not allowed on the Chilkoot Trail.

Guided Watercraft Tours (Taiya River)

- 1. ALL applicable US Coast Guard and NPS regulations regarding watercraft operations and safety are applicable, including, but not limited to: licensing, registration and numbering, required equipment, navigation, and accident reporting.
- 2. Business operators will use federally managed lands for launching and retrieving watercraft only by special permission of the Superintendent.

Guided Horseback Rides

- 1. Business operator will only use routes designated on the attached map (see Figure 3). Note that operator must obtain separate permission from owners of any city and/or private tracts traversed during the course of the ride.
- 2. Business operator will ensure that wrangler/guides are qualified by experience and training to safely perform their duties.
- 3. Business operator will have no greater than 5 client-riders for each wrangler/guide (e.g. maximum group size is 12 persons, two of which must be guides).
- 4. Wrangler/guides will position themselves relative to the client-riders to allow them to signal oncoming traffic (e.g. leading and trailing the main group sufficiently to allow them to warn riders and drivers).
- 5. The business operator will conduct safety orientation briefings for all riders prior to commencing the ride. Topics should include procedures and practices for mounting and dismounting, controlling the horse, and signaling for assistance from the wrangler. Additional topics that will be covered will include the intended route, time required, restroom facilities (or more specifically, the lack of same), other hazards or demands of the trip, etc.
- 6. The following safety equipment will be provided by the business operator for each trip:
 - a. Rider safety helmets (1 for each client and guide), and
 - b. All tack (saddles, bridles, etc.), which will be maintained in serviceable condition. Reins will be kept tied together.

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7. All areas used for riding will be cleared of manure daily when in use. Manure may not be stockpiled on federal lands. An alternative measure for meeting this condition may be the use of individual collection bags fitted to each horse to prevent deposits on the trails and roads.
8. Business operator and NPS will monitor trail/road conditions for accelerated tread wear. Business operator will correct trail tread down-cutting by importing suitable material when necessary and in
a manner approved in advance by the Superintendent.
9. Riding stock from Canada must meet all United States import health regulations (Canadian Health Certificate, endorsed by a Canadian Federal Veterinarian, and a current Cogins test). Stock shall also meet all equivalent state health regulations regarding examinations and immunizations. Certifications must be available for review by NPS.
10. Hitching racks will not be provided or used.